(b) Three proposals were received in the area of medical equipments. These include:

Title of the Proposal	Industry
Mrityunjay - an advanced electronic patient monitoring system	Mrityunjay Medical Systems Pvt. Ltd., Indore
Development of remote patient monitoring system	A3 BioMed Technologies, Mumbai
Development of video endoscopes *i.e.* video gastroscopes, video colonoscopes and video duodenoscopes and gastroenterological accessories	Cardiff Biotech (India) Pvt. Ltd., Delhi

(c) The proposals so received go through several stages of screening and usually a small number of proposals are selected for developing into projects. The proposals received in 2007 are currently at different stages of evaluation. None of the proposals are approved as yet. Out of three proposals listed at (b), only one proposal *viz.,* "Development of remote patient monitoring system" has been short listed at first stage of screening.

(d) The proposal entitled "Development of video endoscopes *i.e.* video gastroscopes, video colonoscopes and video duodenoscopes and gastroenterological accessories" was not short listed as the Screening Committee felt that the proposal did not meet the criteria of NMITLI programme. NMITLI supports those projects which aim at acquiring global leadership position for India through development of cutting edge technology. The said project only proposes to address the manufacturing of the accessories in India which are already available in the market. It may be mentioned that the NMITLI programme is not meant for import substitution and therefore, it is not a criterion for selecting any project.

(e) CSIR does work in the area of medical technologies through its constituent laboratories.

Modernization of technology by CSIR

867. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CSIR has been modernised for improvement of technology; and

(b) if so, the percentage utilization of new equipments?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. During the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002), grant for Modernization and Up-gradation of Equipment and R&D facilities was provided to CSIR Laboratories/ Institutes for carrying out R&D of high quality. Quantification of such equipment utilization is not possible as the equipments usage varied from lab to lab depending upon the projects in hand.